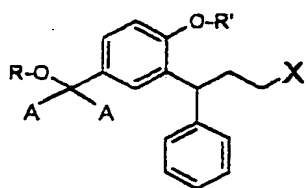
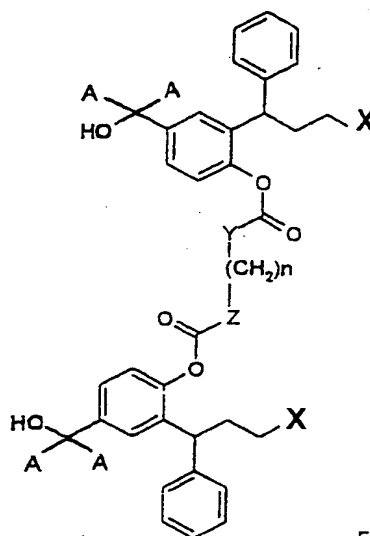


Claims

1. 3,3-Diphenylpropylamines of the general formulae I and VII':



Formula I

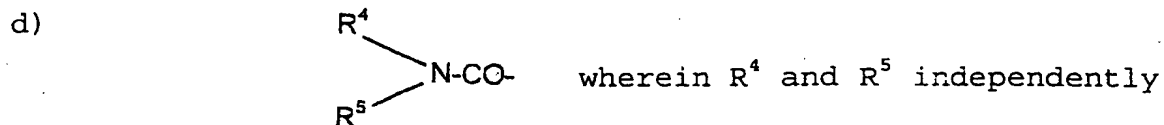


Formula VII'

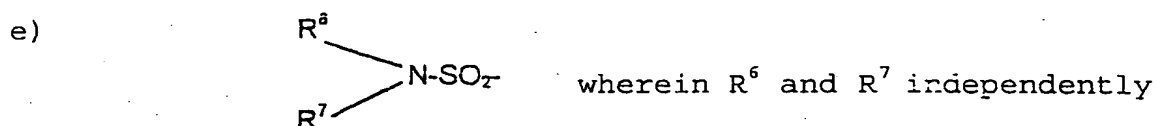
wherein R and R' are independently selected from

- a) hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> cycloalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted benzyl, allyl or carbohydrate; or
- b) formyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkylcarbonyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, substituted or unsubstituted arylcarbonyl, preferably benzoyl; or
- c) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl-oxycarbonyl, benzoylacyl, benzoylglycyl, a substituted or unsubstituted amino acid residue; or

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represent hydrogen,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$  alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, preferably substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, benzyl or phenoxyalkyl wherein the alkyl residue has 1 to 4 carbon atoms and wherein  $\text{R}^4$  and  $\text{R}^5$  may form a ring together with the amine nitrogen; or



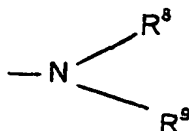
represent  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$  alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, preferably substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, benzyl or phenoxyalkyl wherein the alkyl residue has 1 to 6 carbon atoms; or

f) an ester moiety of inorganic acids,

g)  $-\text{SiR}_a\text{R}_b\text{R}_c$ , wherein  $\text{R}_a$ ,  $\text{R}_b$ ,  $\text{R}_c$  are independently selected from  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  alkyl or aryl, preferably phenyl,

with the proviso that  $\text{R}'$  is not hydrogen, methyl or benzyl if  $\text{R}$  is hydrogen,  $\text{R}$  is not ethyl if  $\text{R}'$  is hydrogen,

X represents a tertiary amino group of formula Ia



Formula Ia

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wherein  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  represent non-aromatic hydrocarbyl groups, which may be the same or different and which together contain at least three carbon atoms, and wherein  $R^8$  and  $R^9$  may form a ring together with the amine nitrogen,

Y and Z independently represent a single bond between the  $(CH_2)_n$  group and the carbonyl group, O, S or NH,

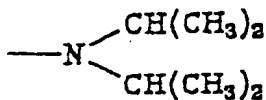
A represents hydrogen ( $^1H$ ) or deuterium ( $^2H$ ),

n is 0 to 12

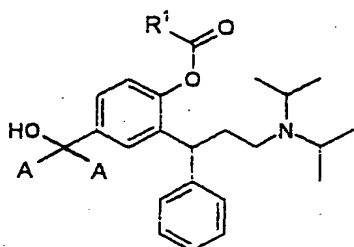
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their salts with physiologically acceptable acids, their free bases and, when the compounds can be in the form of optical isomers, the racemic mixture and the individual enantiomers.

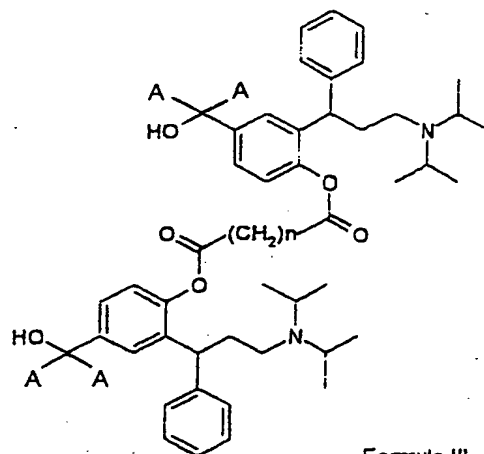
2. 3,3-Diphenylpropylamines as claimed in claim 1, wherein X is



3. 3,3-Diphenylpropylamines as claimed in claim 2 selected from phenolic monoesters represented by the general formulae II and II'



Formula II



Formula II'

wherein  $R^-$  represents hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl or phenyl.

4. 3,3-Diphenylpropylamines as claimed in claim 3 selected from:

(±)-formic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,

(±)-acetic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,

(±)-propionic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,

(±)-n-butyric acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,

(±)-isobutyric acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,

R-(+)-isobutyric acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,

(±)-2,2-dimethylpropionic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,

(±)-2-acetamidoacetic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,

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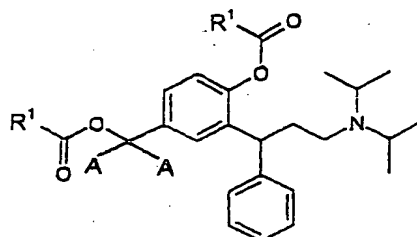
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(±)-cyclohexanecarboxylic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,  
(±)-benzoic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,  
R-(+)-benzoic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,  
(±)-4-methylbenzoic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,  
(±)-2-methylbenzoic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,  
(±)-2-acetoxybenzoic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,  
(±)-1-naphthoic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,  
(±)-2-naphthoic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,  
(±)-4-chlorobenzoic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,  
(±)-4-methoxybenzoic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,  
(±)-2-methoxybenzoic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,  
(±)-4-nitrobenzoic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,  
(±)-2-nitrobenzoic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,  
(±)-malonic acid bis-[2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethyl-phenyl]ester,  
(±)-succinic acid bis-[2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethyl-phenyl]ester,

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(±)-pentanedioic acid bis-[2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethyl-phenyl]ester,

(±)-hexanedioic acid bis-[2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethyl-phenyl]ester.

5. 3,3-Diphenylpropylamines as claimed in claim 2 selected from identical diesters represented by the general formula III



Formula III

wherein R<sup>1</sup> is defined as in claim 3.

6. 3,3-Diphenylpropylamines as claimed in claim 5 selected from:

(±)-formic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-formyloxymethylphenyl ester,

(±)-acetic acid 4-acetoxy-3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-benzyl ester,

(±)-propionic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-propionyloxymethylphenyl ester,

(±)-n-butyric acid 4-n-butyryloxymethyl-2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-phenyl ester,

(±)-isobutyric acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-isobutyryloxymethylphenyl ester,

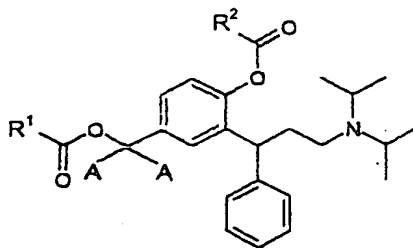
(±)-2,2-dimethylpropionic acid 3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-(2,2-dimethyl-propionyloxy)-benzyl ester,

(±)-benzoic acid 4-benzoyloxymethyl-2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-phenyl ester,

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R-(+)-benzoic acid 4-benzoyloxymethyl-2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-phenyl ester,  
 (±)-pent-4-enoic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-(pent-4-enoyloxymethyl)-phenyl ester,  
 cyclic oct-4-ene-1,8-dioate of Intermediate B,  
 cyclic octane-1,8-dioate of Intermediate B,  
 poly-co-DL-lactides of Intermediate B.

7. 3,3-Diphenylpropylamines as claimed in claim 2 selected from mixed diesters represented by the general formula IV



Formula IV

wherein  $R^1$  is defined as in claim 3

and

$R^2$  represents hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl or phenyl

with the proviso that  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are not identical.

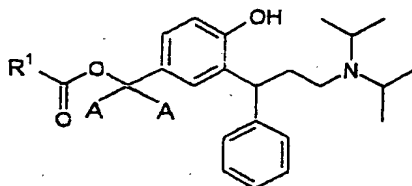
8. 3,3-Diphenylpropylamines as claimed in claim 7 selected from:

(±)-acetic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-formyloxymethylphenyl ester,  
 (±)-benzoic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-formyloxymethylphenyl ester,

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(±)-benzoic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-acetoxymethylphenyl ester,  
 R-(+)-benzoic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-acetoxymethylphenyl ester,  
 (±)-isobutyric acid 4-acetoxymethyl-2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-phenyl ester,  
 R-(+)-isobutyric acid 4-acetoxymethyl-2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-phenyl ester,  
 (±)-2,2-dimethylpropionic acid 4-acetoxy-3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-benzyl ester,  
 (±)-2,2-dimethylpropionic acid 4-acetoxymethyl-2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-phenyl ester,  
 (±)-benzoic acid 4-benzyloxy-3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-benzyl ester.

9. 3,3-Diphenylpropylamines as claimed in claim 2 selected from benzylic monoesters represented by the general formula V



Formula V

wherein R<sup>1</sup> is defined as in claim 3.

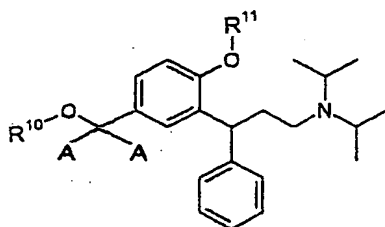
10. 3,3-Diphenylpropylamines as claimed in claim 9 selected from:

(±)-formic acid 3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxybenzyl ester,  
 (±)-acetic acid 3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxybenzyl ester,



(±)-propionic acid 3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxybenzyl ester,  
 (±)-butyric acid 3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxybenzyl ester,  
 (±)-isobutyric acid 3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxybenzyl ester,  
 (±)-2,2-dimethylpropionic acid 3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxybenzyl ester,  
 (±)-benzoic acid 3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxybenzyl ester.

11. 3,3-Diphenylpropylamines as claimed in claim 2 selected from ethers and silyl ethers represented by the general formula VI



Formula VI

wherein at least one of  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  is selected from  $C_1-C_6$  alkyl, benzyl or  $-SiR_aR_bR_c$  as defined in claim 1 and the other one of  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  may additionally represent hydrogen,  $C_1-C_6$  alkylcarbonyl or benzoyl.

12. 3,3-Diphenylpropylamines as claimed in claim 11 selected from:

(±)-2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-methoxymethylphenol,

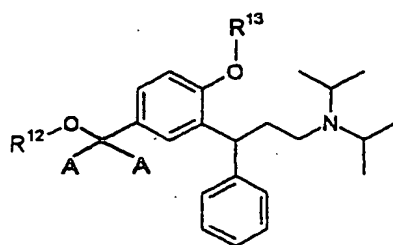
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(±)-2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-ethoxymethylphenol,  
(±)-2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-propoxymethylphenol,  
(±)-2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-isopropoxymethylphenol,  
(±)-2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-butoxymethylphenol,  
(±)-acetic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-methoxymethylphenyl ester,  
(±)-acetic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-ethoxymethylphenyl ester,  
(±)-2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-trimethylsilyloxymethylphenol,  
(±)-diisopropyl-[3-phenyl-3-(2-trimethylsilyloxy-5-trimethylsilyloxymethylphenyl)-propyl]-amine,  
(±)-[3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-trimethylsilyloxyphenyl]-methanol,  
(±)-diisopropyl-[3-(5-methoxymethyl-2-trimethylsilyloxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropylamine],  
(±)-diisopropyl-[3-(5-ethoxymethyl-2-trimethylsilyloxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropylamine],  
(±)-[4-(tert.-butyl-dimethylsilyloxy)-3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-phenyl]-methanol,  
(±)-acetic acid 4-(tert.-butyl-dimethylsilyloxy)-3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-benzyl ester,  
(±)-4-(tert.-butyl-dimethylsilyloxy)-3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-phenol,  
(±)-acetic acid 4-(tert.-butyl-dimethylsilyloxy)-2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-phenyl ester,  
(±)-{3-[2-(tert.-butyl-dimethylsilyloxy)-5-(tert.-butyl-dimethylsilyloxymethyl)-phenyl]-3-phenylpropyl}-diisopropylamine,

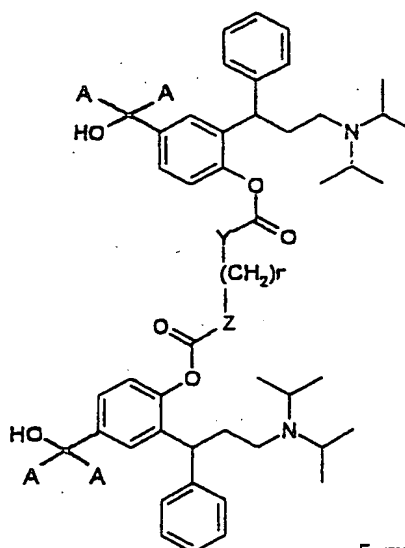
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- (±) - [4 - (tert.-butyl-diphenylsilanyloxy) - 3 - (3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl) - phenyl] - methanol,  
 (±) - acetic acid 4 - (tert.-butyl-diphenylsilanyloxymethyl) - 2 - (3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl) - phenyl ester,  
 (±) - 4 - (tert.-butyl-diphenylsilanyloxymethyl) - 2 - (3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl) - phenol,  
 (±) - {3 - [2 - (tert.-butyl-diphenylsilanyloxy) - 5 - (tert.-butyl-diphenylsilanyloxymethyl) - phenyl] - 2-phenylpropyl} - diisopropylamine,  
 (±) - acetic acid 4-benzyloxy-3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-benzyl ester,  
 (±) - benzoic acid 4-benzyloxy-3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-benzyl ester,  
 (±) - isobutyric acid 4-benzyloxy-3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-benzyl ester,  
 (±) - 2 - (3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl) - 4 - (1β-D-glucuronosyloxymethyl) - phenol.

13. 3,3-Diphenylpropylamines as claimed in claim 2 selected from carbonates and carbamates represented by the general formulae VII and VIII



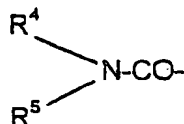
Formula VII



Formula VIII

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wherein Y, Z and n are as defined in claim 1 and wherein R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> represent a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl group or



wherein R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are as defined in claim 1.

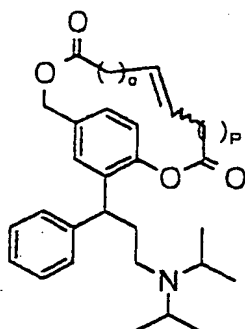
14. 3,3-Diphenylpropylamines as claimed in claim 13 selected from:

- (±)-N-ethylcarbamic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,
- (±)-N,N-dimethylcarbamic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester
- (±)-N,N-diethylcarbamic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester
- (±)-N-phenylcarbamic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,
- (±)-[2-(3-Diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenoxy carbonylamino]acetic acid ethyl ester hydrochloride,
- (±)-N-ethylcarbamic acid 3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-N-ethylcarbamoyloxybenzyl ester,
- (±)-N,N-dimethylcarbamic acid 3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-N,N-dimethylcarbamoyloxybenzyl ester,
- (±)-N,N-diethylcarbamic acid 3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-N,N-diethylcarbamoyloxybenzyl ester,
- (±)-N-phenylcarbamic acid 3-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-N-phenylcarbamoyloxybenzyl ester,
- (±)-{4-[2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenoxy carbonylamino]-butyl}-carbamic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester,
- (±)-carbonic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester ethyl ester,

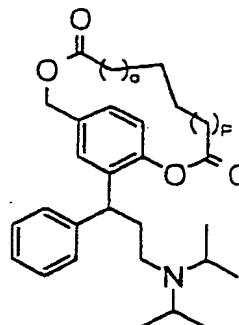
(±)-carbonic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethylphenyl ester phenyl ester,  
 (±)-carbonic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-ethoxycarbonyloxymethylphenyl ester ethyl ester,  
 (±)-carbonic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-phenoxy carbonyloxymethylphenyl ester phenyl ester.

15. 3,3-Diphenylpropylamines selected from

(i) compounds of the formulae IX and IX'



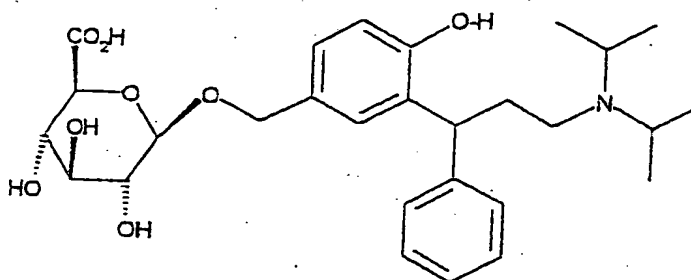
Formula IX



Formula IX'

wherein o and p are the same or different and represent the number of methylene units  $\text{---CH}_2\text{---}$  and may range from 0 to 6,

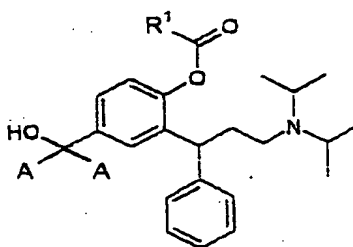
- (ii) (±)-Benzoic acid 2-(3-diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-sulphooxymethyl-phenyl ester
- (iii) Poly-co-DL-lactides of 2-(3-diisopropylamino-phenylpropyl)-4-hydroxymethyl-phenol
- (iv) (±)-2-(3-Diisopropylamino-1-phenylpropyl)-4-(1β-D-glucuronosyloxymethyl)-phenol having the formula



and

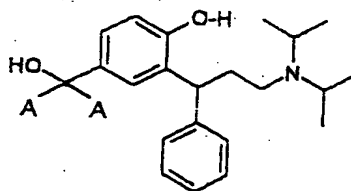
their salts with physiologically acceptable acids, their free bases and, when the compounds can be in the form of optical isomers, the racemic mixture and the individual enantiomers.

16. A process for the production of phenolic monoesters represented by the general formula II



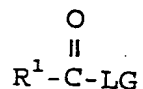
Formula II

as defined in claim 3, which comprises treatment of a compound of the formula



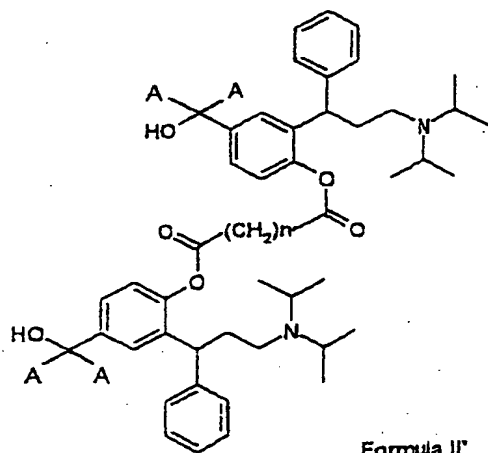
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with an equivalent of an acylating agent selected from

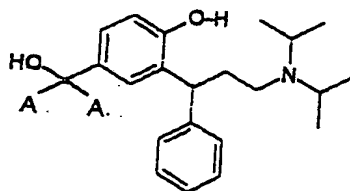


wherein LG represents a leaving group selected from halogenide, carboxylate and imidazolide and  $\text{R}^1$  is as defined in claim 3, in an inert solvent in the presence of a condensing agent.

17. A process for the production of phenolic monoesters represented by the general formula II'

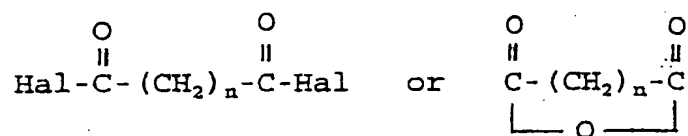


as defined in claim 3, which comprises treatment of two equivalents of a compound of the formula



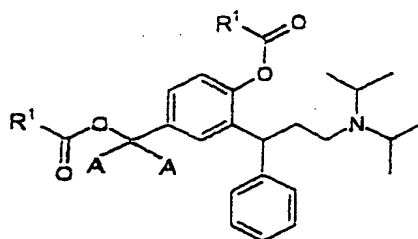
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with an acylating agent selected from



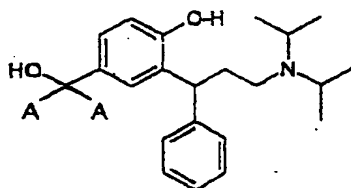
wherein Hal represents a halogen atom.

18. A process for the production of identical diesters represented by the general formula III



Formula III

as defined in claim 5, which comprises treatment of a compound of the formula

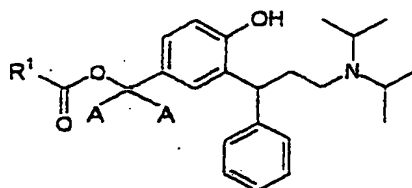


with at least two equivalents of the acylating agent as defined in claim 16.



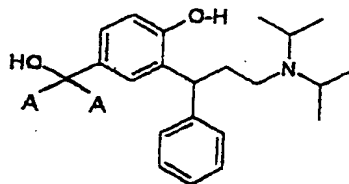
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19. A process for the preparation of benzylic monoesters represented by the general formula V



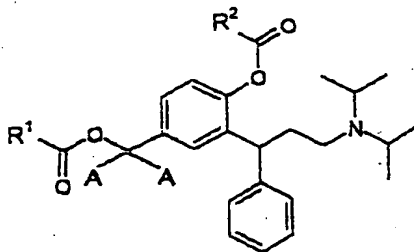
Formula V

as defined in claim 9, which comprises treatment of a compound of the formula



at room temperature and under anhydrous conditions with activated esters in the presence of enzymes selected from lipases or esterases.

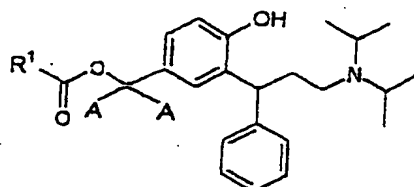
20. A process for the preparation of mixed diesters represented by the general formula IV



Formula IV

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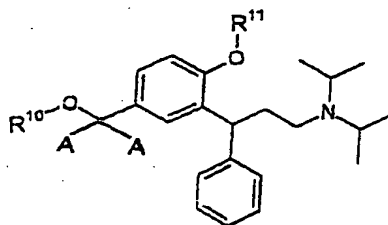
as defined in claim 7, which comprises acylation of a benzylic monoester represented by the general formula V



Formula V

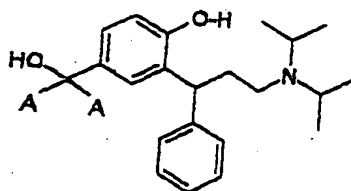
as defined in claim 9 or of a phenolic monoester represented by the formula II as defined in claim 3.

21. A process for the production of ethers represented by the general formula VI



Formula VI

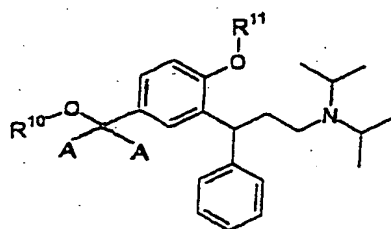
as defined in claim 11 wherein R<sup>11</sup> is hydrogen which comprises reacting a compound of the formula



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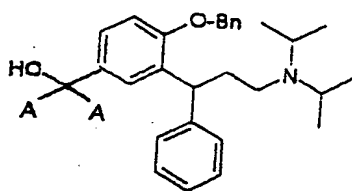
with an alcohol  $R^{10}$ -OH in the presence of an esterification catalyst.

22. A process for the preparation of ethers represented by the general formula VI

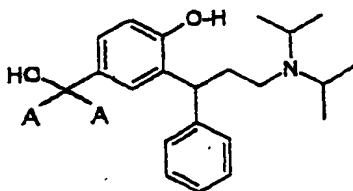


Formula VI

wherein  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  are as defined in claim 11, which comprises acid or base treatment of free benzylic alcohols selected from

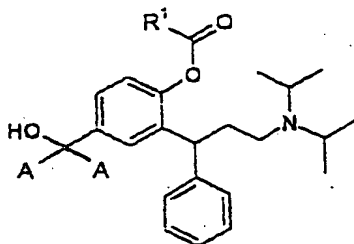


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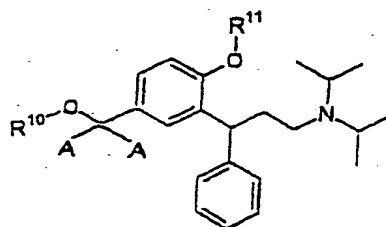
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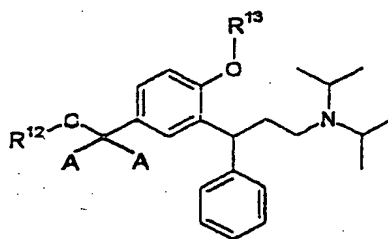


Formula II

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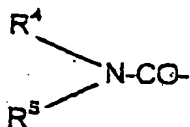


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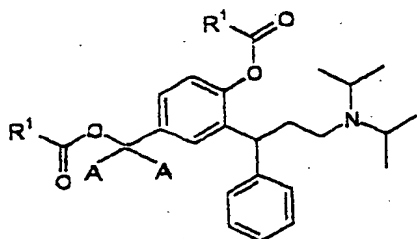
wherein R<sup>10</sup> is hydrogen or

Formula VII

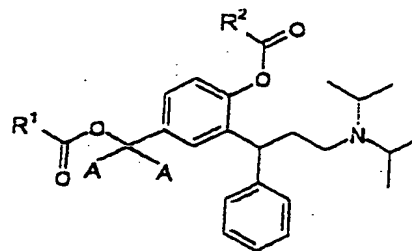
wherein R<sup>12</sup> is hydrogen and R<sup>13</sup> represents a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy-carbonyl group or



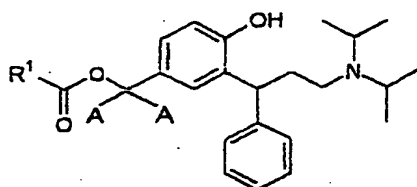
wherein  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are as defined in claim 1 or of benzylic acylates selected from



Formula III



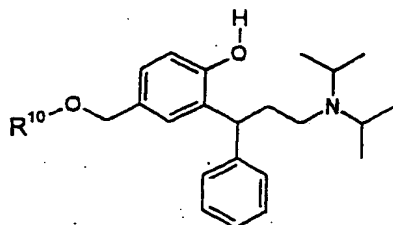
Formula IV



Formula V

wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are as defined in claim 7 in the presence of suitable hydroxy reagents.

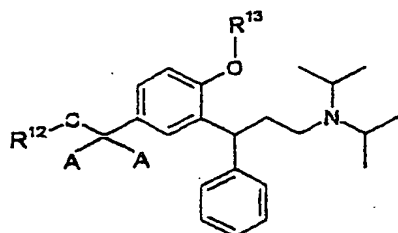
23. A process for the preparation of ethers of formula VI as defined in claim 11, which comprises treating a compound of the formula



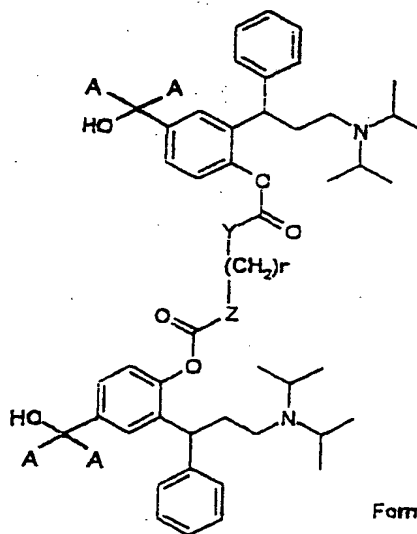
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with an alkylating agent selected from alkyl halogenides, alkyl sulphates and alkyl triflates, said alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

24. A process for the preparation of carbonates and carbamates represented by the general formulae VII and VIII

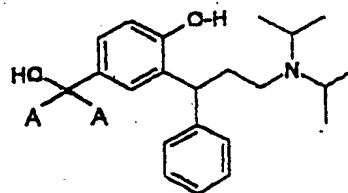
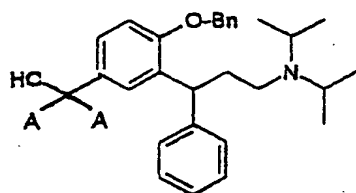


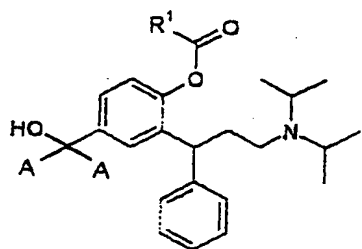
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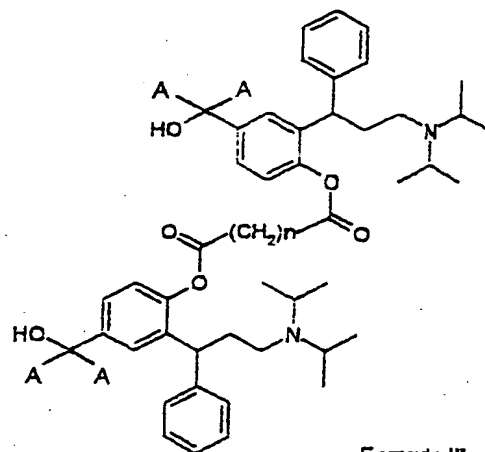
Formula VIII

as defined in claim 13, which comprises reacting a compound selected from the group consisting of

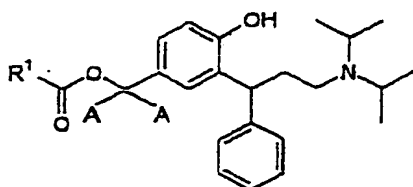




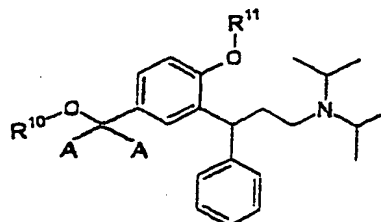
Formula II



Formula II'



Formula V



Formula VI

wherein  $R^1$  is defined as in claim 3,  $n$  is 0 to 12, Bn is benzyl, one of  $R^{10}$  or  $R^{11}$  is hydrogen and the other one is as defined in claim 11 with activated carbonyl compounds or carbonyl precursor reagents selected from haloformates, ketenes, activated esters, mixed anhydrides of organic or inorganic acids, isocyanates and isothiocyanates.

25. 3,3-Diphenylpropylamines as claimed in claims 1 to 15 for use as pharmaceutically active substances, especially as antimuscarinic agents.

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26. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a 3,3-diphenylpropylamine as claimed in claim 1 to 15 and a compatible pharmaceutical carrier.

27. Use of a 3,3-diphenylpropylamine as claimed in claims 1 to 15 for preparing an antimuscarinic drug.